

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 4, 5, 11, 13, and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims and add new claims 47-53 as shown below:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An optical lens, comprising a marking formed on a surface entirely outside a light transmitting effective area of said lens to distinguish between a surface and a back of said lens,

wherein said marking is unevenly formed outside the effective area of said lens.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said lens is a coupling lens for optically coupling a light beam irradiated from a light source to an incident end face of an optical device.

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~An~~ The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, comprising a marking formed on a surface entirely outside a light transmitting effective area of said lens to distinguish between a surface and a back of said lens, wherein

said lens surface has a coating film and said marking is formed by using said coating film, and

said coating film is not provided entirely outside the effective area of said lens, and said marking refers to a part on which said coating film is not provided.

Claims 4 and 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (original): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said marking is made of a printed matter.

Claim 7 (original): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein said marking is made of a coating matter.

Claims 8-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended): A manufacturing method of an optical lens, comprising a step of entirely forming a marking on a surface outside a light transmitting effective area of said lens to distinguish between a surface and a back of said lens, wherein

said lens is a coupling lens for optically coupling a light beam irradiated from a light source to an incident end face of an optical device, and
said marking is unevenly formed outside the effective area of said lens by using a mold.

Claim 11 (canceled)

Claim 12 (currently amended): A The manufacturing method of the an optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or 11, comprising a step of entirely forming a marking on a surface outside a light transmitting effective area of said lens to distinguish between a surface and a back of said lens, wherein

said lens surface has a coating film and said marking is formed by using said coating film, and
said coating film is not provided entirely outside the effective area of said lens, and said marking refers to a part on which said coating film is not provided.

Claims 13 and 14 (canceled)

Claim 15 (currently amended): The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or ~~11~~ 12, wherein said marking is formed by printing.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The manufacturing method of the optical lens as set forth in claim 10 or ~~11~~ 12, wherein said marking is formed by coating.

Claim 17-18 (canceled)

Claim 19 (currently amended): An optical device, comprising any one of optical lenses as set forth in claims 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7.

Claim 20 (original): The optical device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said optical device is an optical pickup device and said optical lens is used for condensing light on an optical disk, said optical device including a light source for emitting light and an optical element for detecting light reflected on said optical disk.

Claim 21 (original): The optical device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said optical device is an optical communication component and said optical lens is used for condensing light, said optical device including a light source for emitting light and an optical fiber.

Claim 22 (original): The optical device as set forth in claim 19, wherein said optical device is an optical sensor and said optical lens is used for condensing light, said optical device including an optical element for detecting light condensed by said optical lens.

Claims 23-42 (canceled)

Claim 43 (previously presented): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the marking comprises a light-absorbing material.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the marking comprises a light-scattering material.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the marking comprises a rough surface.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The optical lens as set forth in claim 1, wherein the optical lens is 2 millimeters or smaller.

Claim 47 (new): The optical lens as set forth in claim 3, wherein said lens is a coupling lens for optically coupling a light beam irradiated from a light source to an incident end face of an optical device.

Claim 48 (new): The optical lens as set forth in claim 3, wherein said marking is made of a printed matter.

Claim 49 (new): The optical lens as set forth in claim 3, wherein said marking is made of a coating matter.

Claim 50 (new): The optical lens as set forth in claim 3, wherein the marking comprises a light-absorbing material.

Claim 51 (new): The optical lens as set forth in claim 3, wherein the marking comprises a light-scattering material.

Claim 52 (new): The optical lens as set forth in claim 3, wherein the marking comprises a rough surface.

Claim 53 (new): The optical lens as set forth in claim 3, wherein the optical lens is 2 millimeters or smaller.